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SUB: CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE BOOKLET ON TORTURE BANNED

1. BOOKLET ENTITLED "TORTURE IN SOUTH AFRICA?" ISSUED BY CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE (CI) HERE LATE MARCH WAS DECLARED "UNDESIRABLE PUBLICATION" IN TERMS OF THE PUBLICATIONS ACT IN SPECIAL GOVERNMENT GAZETTE ISSUE DPARIL 13. CI REGIONAL DIRECTOR REV. THO KOTZE TOLD PRESS APRIL 14 THAT SAG ACTION SHOWED ITS UNWILLINGNESS TO ORDER AN INDEPENDENT INQUIRY INTO TORTURE ALLEGATIONS. KOTZE SAID THERE HAVE BEEN SUSPICIOUS IN PUBLIC MIND "FOR TOO LONG" THAT PEOPLE IN SOUTH AFRICA BEING TORTURED. HE RENEWED HIS CALL FOR SCRAPPING OF DETENTION LAWS AND "RETURN OF SOUTH AFRICA TO RULE OF LAW".

2. THE 76- PAGE BOOKLET WAS COMPILATION PRIMARILY OF PARLIAMENTARY SPEECHES, EVIDENCE IN COURT HEARINGS, EXTRACTS FROM SUMMING-UP SPEECHES OF JUDGES AND PRESS REPORTS INVOLVING ALLEGATIONS OF POLICE TORTURE AND MISTREATMENT OF PRISONERS
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IN ARRAY OF CASES FROM EARLY 60S TO THE PRESENT. TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND COPIES OF THE DOCUMENT WERE REPORTEDLY PRINTED AND DISTRIBUTED. KOTZE SAID HE FOUND HTE BANNING "CURIOUS" AND WONDERED IF IT MEANT THAT THE QUOTES FROM HANSARD, NEWSPAPERS AND COURT RECORDS WERE ALSO BANNED.

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